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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) offered the following remarks as we honor our servicemen and women on Veterans Day.

"Today, we highlight the sacrifices of our service personnel by reflecting on the virtues and bravery of those who have fought for and protected us, seeing to it that we as Americans can live in freedom. Today is about saying thank you to those brave men and women. To the families of those we have lost this year and in years passed, I extend heartfelt thanks for your sacrifice. It is impossible to truly express the full gratitude that we owe to you as a nation.

"In Congress this year we passed a new GI Bill to ensure our veterans have the necessary access to higher education if they choose to pursue a career outside of the military. I'm proud to say that we also approved the largest funding increase for veterans ever to directly improve VA medical facilities, care and services. I will continue to fight for our veterans in Congress to ensure they have access to the best possible care when they return home.

"We are blessed to be protected by the best fighting force ever assembled and, as Americans, we should honor and thank our veterans every single day of the year."